

# How to Restore Your Voting Rights

Under Washington State law, if you are convicted of a felony, you lose your right to vote. To restore that right, you must meet all sentencing obligations. You must:

- Pay all financial obligations, such as fines, court costs and restitution;
- Complete other requirements imposed, such as treatment and community service; and
- Finish your custody, including probation, community supervision and community custody.

The specific steps necessary to restore your right to vote depend on where and when you were convicted.

## **If you were convicted in a Washington state court for a felony committed before July 1, 1984:**

If you have completed all requirements of your sentence, you may petition the Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board to restore your right to vote. For more information about petitioning the Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board, call (360) 493-9266, or visit [www.srb.wa.gov](http://www.srb.wa.gov) and click “Restoring Voting Rights.” If you received a suspended sentence and you have completed all requirements of the sentence, you can petition the court where you were convicted for an Order Restoring Civil Rights. Check the court file first because an Order Restoring Civil Rights may have been issued even if you did not receive a copy.

## **If you were convicted in a Washington state court for a felony committed after July 1, 1984:**

A Certificate of Discharge restores your right to vote and is issued by the court once all requirements of the sentence are completed. If you have completed all the requirements of your sentence, contact the County Clerk’s Office in the county where you were convicted to obtain a copy of the Certificate from the court file. You will have to provide the case number, your name, and your date of birth to the Clerk’s Office. A fee may be charged for the copies.

If you have completed your sentence but a Certificate has not been issued you may ask the Superior Court where you were convicted to issue a Certificate. You can obtain the necessary forms at the County Clerk’s Office or by contacting the Administrative Office of the Courts at (360) 705-5328. You may also visit [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms). County Clerk’s Office contact information is listed on the back.

The forms you will need are called “Petition for Certificate and Order of Discharge” and “Certificate and Order of Discharge.”

## **If you are on community supervision and were not convicted of a violent offense or a sex offense:**

If you have served at least half of the term of community supervision, and you have completed all other requirements of the sentence, you may petition the court where you were convicted for a Certificate of Discharge. The court is not required to issue the Certificate, but has the option. Forms for petitioning the court may be obtained at the County Clerk’s Office or by contacting the Administrative Office of the Courts at (360) 705-5328. You may also visit [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms).

## **If you were convicted in Federal Court or in another state:**

The Washington State Clemency and Pardons Board has the authority to restore civil rights to people convicted of a felony in Federal Court or in another state. For more information about petitioning the Clemency and Pardons Board, call (360) 902-4111.

## **If you were pardoned by the Governor:**

The pardon restores your right to vote. Contact the Clemency and Pardons Board for a copy of the pardon by calling (360) 902-4111.

## **For more information visit:**

[www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/faq.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/faq.aspx)



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